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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, EG
SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT BY EGYPT

REFERENCE: CAIRO 1729

1. RE HIRST'S EXPULSION (PARA 6 REFTTEL), FINAL SENTENCE OF ONE OF HIS ARTICLES IN JANUARY 21 ISSUE OF GUARDIAN READ AS FOLLOWS: "MOST AGREE HOWEVER THAT SITUATION IS UNCOMFORTABLY SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH FOLLOWED THE BURNING OF CAIRO ON BLACK SATURDAY. JANUARY 26, 1952--SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE OVERTHROW OF KING FAROUK".

2. EMBASSY AND FCO INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF HIRST'S EXPULSION WAS ANOTHER OF HIS ARTICLES APPEARING IN SAME ISSUE OF GUARDIAN, ENTITLED "HOW HIGH LIFE AND SCANDAL ROCKED SADAT", IN WHICH HIRST REPORTED, "NOTHING CAN QUENCH THE ODOR OF SCANDAL AND HIGH LIVING WHICH EMANATES FROM WHAT MANY EGYPTIANS NOW CALL THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND IT IS SADAT'S WIFE JIHAN WHO DRAWS MUCH OF THE BLAME". ARTICLE ALSO REFERS TO RELATIVES BY MARRIAGE OF THE "ROYAL FAMILY" INCLUDING MAHMUD ABU WAFIA.

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3. GUARDIAN IS PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT EXPULSION, ACCORDING TO FCO. EDITORIAL IN ITS JANUARY 29 ISSUE, PROJECTING MORE SORROW THAN ANGER, CONCLUDED "TO VENT SOME OF HIS FRUSTRATION ON A DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT HURTS EGYPT'S IMAGE ABROAD."

4. TEXTS OF MAIN HIRST ARTICLES ON AFTERMATH OF CAIRO

RIOTING POUCHES TO EMBASSY CAIRO AND TO NEA/EGY.

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